

January 31, 2003

Mr. Tim Colgan
Colgan Air Services
2709 Fanta Reed
La Crosse, WI 54603

Dear Mr. Colgan:

In your undated letter, you requested an extension of Exemption No. 7515. That exemption from § 135.143(c)(2) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits Colgan Air Services (Colgan) to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed on those aircraft.

Your petition has been entered into the public docket (No. FAA-2001-9227), but we are unable to process your request because the information submitted does not comply with the requirements of 14 CFR § 11.81 (copy enclosed). Specifically, the following additional information is required before your request can be considered:

1. The specific section or sections of 14 CFR from which you seek relief, the extent of the relief you seek, and the reason you seek relief.
2. The reasons why granting the request would be in the public interest; that is, how it would benefit the public as a whole.
3. The reasons why the exemption would not adversely affect safety or how the exemption would provide a level of safety at least equal to that provided by the rule from which you seek an exemption.
4. Any additional information, views, or arguments available to support your request.

To request an extension of an exemption, we need a written statement that the facts, circumstances, conditions, and reasons presented in the original petition remain the same. In accordance with § 11.81 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, if any of the aforementioned items have changed, you will need to provide an explanation fully describing any changes, how granting the extension would be in the public interest, and how a level of safety equivalent to that provided by the rule would be ensured.

Please note that § 11.63(d) also requires that a petition for exemption must be submitted at least 120 days before the proposed effective date of the exemption.

We will consider the docket on your request open until this required information is provided. However, we regret that if we do not hear from you within 30 days, we must close the docket without further notification.

If you have any questions or require additional time, you may call (202) 267-7625.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ida M. Klepper
Manager, Airmen and
Airspace Rules Division

Enclosure